

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A tablecloth convertible to a garbage bag, comprising:

a circular, flexible panel having an expandable peripheral edge, said flexible panel being a two-ply polymeric sheet, said flexible panel being bunched along its peripheral edge and having an elastic band attached to and surrounding said peripheral edge to form said expandable peripheral edge, said elastic band being of such length that said flexible panel forms a tablecloth, said elastic band being expandable such that said flexible panel is stretchable over a table top, said flexible panel closing over said table top upon said elastic band returning to its retracted position; and

at least two spaced handles fixedly attached to said flexible panel ~~proximate said~~ expandable peripheral edge;

each of said at least two spaced handles comprising a polymeric strip having a pair of attachment end portions and a central grasping portion, each attachment end portion of each said handle being heat welded to said expandable peripheral edge, thereby fixedly attaching said at least two handles to said expandable peripheral edge;

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whereby, upon said tablecloth having trash and garbage remaining from a meal thereon, said flexible panel converts to a garbage bag by stretching its expandable peripheral edge over said table ~~[[to]]~~ top and enclosing said trash and garbage, said garbage bag being carried by said handles to a place for disposal.

Claims 2-7. *(Cancelled)*